

Table 6.01-- LAND OWNERSHIP, COVER, OR USE: 1982 TO 1997

[In thousand of acres. Based on sample data and subject to sampling variation. Small differences between reported values accordingly may not be statistically significant]

Land ownership, cover, or use	1982 1/	1987 1/	1992 1/	1997
Total surface area	4,163.2	4,163.2	4,163.2	4,163.2
LAND OWNERSHIP				
Federal land 2/	319.8	386.3	388.0	388.0
Water area	58.5	58.5	58.5	58.5
Nonfederal land	3,784.9	3,718.4	3,716.7	3,716.7
Developed	153.2	156.6	176.8	185.5
Rural	3,631.7	3,561.8	3,539.9	3,531.2
LAND COVER OR USE				
Nonfederal rural land	3,631.7	3,561.8	3,539.9	3,531.2
Cropland	302.0	294.2	274.4	243.9
Cultivated	267.1	252.1	228.6	3/ 197.2
Irrigated	169.4	13.6	197.2	103.0
Nonirrigated	97.7	88.5	89.8	94.2
Noncultivated	34.9	42.1	45.8	46.7
Irrigated	8.2	10.4	24.2	22.4
Nonirrigated	26.7	31.7	21.6	24.3
Conservation Reserve Program land	-	-	-	-
Pastureland	87.5	79.5	90.7	89.3
Rangeland	946.7	936.8	945.9	945.7
Forest land	1,619.2	1,588.1	1,530.2	1,514.3
Other rural land	676.3	663.2	698.7	738.0
PRIME FARMLAND, BY COVER OR USE				
Total rural land	284.3	272.8	268.0	268.4
Cropland	184.3	179.8	168.8	149.5
Conservation Reserve Program land	-	-	-	-
Pastureland	41.4	36.9	41.9	41.6
Rangeland	32.7	31.7	31.7	40.1
Forest land	24.8	22.9	21.9	22.4
Other rural land	1.1	1.5	3.7	14.8

1/ Data for 1982 through 1992 revised based on 1997 publication. 1997 data are preliminary.

2/ Includes ceded land; excludes leased land and submerged land.

3/ At the 95-percent confidence interval, estimated standard error is 19.0.

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (formerly the Soil Conservation Service), *1997 National Resources Inventory*

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